



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

03/03/04
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PLACEMENTS DOWN 8%

For the week ending Feb 28, 2004, growers placed 11.0 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 8.1% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.0 million) decreased 8.1% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.0 million, a decrease of 0.2% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.7 million for the week ending Feb 21, 2004 compared to 9.6 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/ PREV YR	CURR YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ PREV YR	CURR YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ PREV YR	CURR YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
01/03/04	14,357	13,595	11,810	11,385	11,810	11,385
01/10/04	14,432	13,634	11,692	11,233	11,694	11,233
01/17/04	14,339	13,755	11,592	11,151	11,593	11,151
01/24/04	14,404	13,656	11,741	11,217	11,743	11,217
01/31/04	14,662	13,432	11,744	11,194	11,744	11,194
02/07/04	14,547	13,500	11,787	11,358	11,790	11,358
02/14/04	13,226	13,842	11,870	11,058	11,871	11,059
* 02/21/04	13,818	13,901	12,082	10,922	12,084	10,922
02/28/04	14,050	14,024	11,961	10,990	11,961	10,990

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
	03/06/04			
New York Weighted Avg	75.71	76.36	73.58	56.57
12-City Composite 2/	75.52	75.09	72.54	60.38

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.